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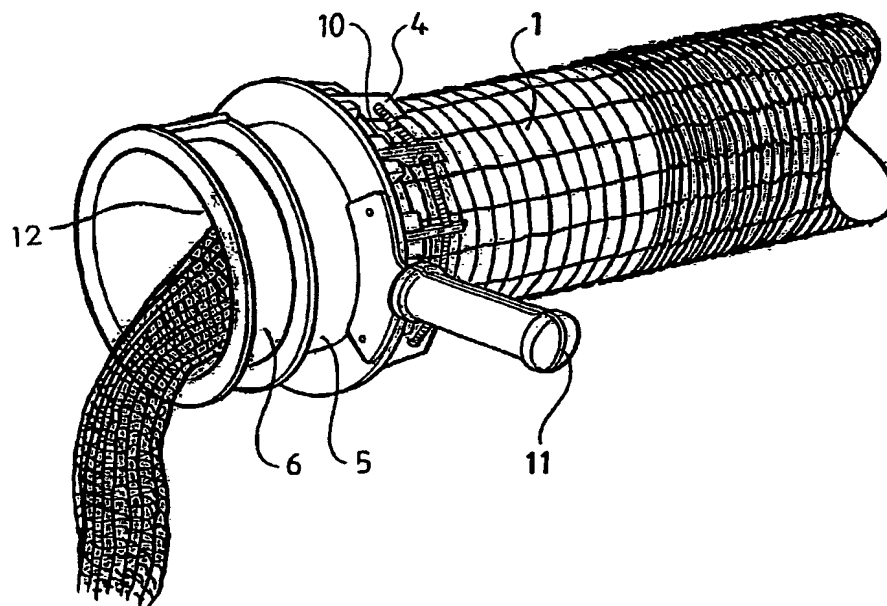
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(57) **Abstract:** A hand-operated machine for shirring casing onto a stuffing tube (1) includes a body through which the stuffing tube (1) covered in casing may pass. The shirring machine has casing engaging means (4) that engages the casing as the machine is pushed along the stuffing tube (1) from the discharge end (12) so that the casing is drawn onto the stuffing tube. The casing engaging means (4) also disengages the casing when it is pulled in the opposite direction. The shirring machine also includes grasping means (11) to manually move it back and forth along the stuffing tube (1).

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